



An Bord Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street,
Dublin 1,
D01 V902

Our ref: 230108
Your ref: N/A

Date: 27th September 2024

Re: Section 177AE planning application for enhancement measures to existing Woodquay Park to include; highways improvements, parking, new paths and paving, seating, lighting, public art, sustainable urban drainage, tree removals and new biodiverse planting by Galway City Council.

A Chara,

On behalf of our client, Galway City Council, please find enclosed a planning application seeking permission to upgrade and expand the existing Woodquay Park and make upgrades to the surrounding public realm.

The full development description (as per the site notices) is as below. Irish Language versions of the notices were also provided.

- i. Upgrades and expansion of the Woodquay park including the provision of:*
- a. Hard and soft landscaping including rain gardens, seating areas, natural play landform, and planting of Molina meadow, spring bulbs, hedge row, and ground cover;*
 - b. Removal of 1 no. 'Class C', and 1 no. 'Class B' trees. Planting of 4 no. new 'Golden Alder' trees;*
 - c. Relocation and reduction in size of existing bike share station;*
 - d. Galway Orb Sculpture and Light Feature;*
 - e. Litter Bins;*
 - f. Bollards;*
 - g. Flexible Events and Open Space Area;*
 - h. Enhanced Public Lighting;*
 - i. Enhanced SuDS based surface water management,*
 - j. Relocation of existing ICA memorial; and*
 - k. All other associated and ancillary works;*
- ii. Provision of 4 no. pedestrian crossings including 2 no. across Riverside, 1 no. across Waterside, and 1 no. across Corrib Terrace;*

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- iii. *Hard and soft landscaping adjacent to the park (across Riverside) to provide enhanced public realm including: public lighting, drainage rain garden, seating areas, and all other associated and ancillary works;*
- iv. *Vehicular parking consisting of relocation of 2 no. EV parking spaces, relocation of 2 no. accessible parking spaces, retention of approx. 10 no. on street parking spaces on Corrib Terrace with modifications for new pedestrian crossings, and relocation of 4 no. motorcycle spaces. This is a net removal of 11 no. existing car spaces.*
- v. *Hard and soft landscaping adjacent to the park (across Waterside) to enable a continuation of paving type, wider footpaths, enhanced lighting, and consistent public realm design;*
- vi. *All other associated and ancillary development and site works.*

A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been prepared in respect of the Proposed Development."

The following items and documents are being submitted as part of this planning application, alongside this cover letter. All documents have been provided on 2 no. paper copies, and 1 no. digital copies (provided by USB), unless otherwise indicated.

Administrative Documents

Statutory Notices

An original page of the Galway Advertiser dated 19th September 2024 in which notice of the application has been published pursuant to Article 17 (1)(a) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

A copy of the Site Notice (Irish and English versions) dated 19th September 2024 and erected on the land pursuant to Article 17(1)(b) of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

Prescribed Body Notices

A copy of all letters issued to prescribed bodies notifying them of the application as required under Section 177AE(4) of the Planning and Development Act of 2000 (as amended). The list of prescribed bodies which have been notified, and their chosen method to receive the documentation is detailed in the table below. All notices were issued by MKO on 27/09/2024.

National Transport Authority	SharePoint Link via Email	Faite Ireland	SharePoint Link via Email
Uisce Eireann	SharePoint Link via Email	An Taisce	SharePoint Link via Email
Coras Iompair Eireann	SharePoint Link via Email	The Heritage Council	SharePoint Link via Email
Inland Fisheries Ireland	SharePoint Link via Email	The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage	SharePoint Link via Email
An Comhairle Ealaion	SharePoint Link via Email		

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Letter of Consent

A letter from the Active Travel Department of Galway City Council confirming that the proposed development does not interfere with any Active Travel schemes ongoing in the area, and that the team has no objection to the development.

Redline Boundary Shapefile

A Shapefile compatible with GIS software and containing the redline boundary of the proposed development has been submitted as part of the digital copy of the application documentation.

Planning Drawings

2 no. hard copies, and 1 no. soft copies of the following sets of plans and drawings at the appropriate scales are provided as part of this application:

- **Landscape Design Drawings** provided by LUC Landscape Architects
- **Tree Constraints Drawing** by Tom Brandford Arborist Services
- **Civil Engineering and Drainage Drawings** provided by PUNCH Consulting Engineers
- **Lighting Design Drawings** provided by Don O'Malley & Partners Consulting Engineers

Validation Note:

Please note the auto track drawings listed below are presented at a scale that is smaller than is standard. This has been done to enable the most complete and sensible presentation of their content, and to enable the easiest comparison between drawings on the page. The drawings have also been designed and printed to an A1 size sheet to enable easier viewing. We respectfully submit that the scales and layouts on the submitted drawings provides the most logical, full, and complete view of the proposed development.

- **231101-PUNCH-XX-XX-DR-C-0601** - Fire Tender Vehicle Swept Path Analysis
- **231101-PUNCH-XX-XX-DR-C-0602** - Refuse Lorry Vehicle Swept Path Analysis
- **231101-PUNCH-XX-XX-DR-C-0603** - 4x4 Vehicle Swept Path Analysis
- **231101-PUNCH-XX-XX-DR-C-0604** - Double Decker Bus Vehicle Swept Path Analysis

Technical Reports

2 no. hard copies, and 1 no. soft copies of the following reports and assessments are provided as part of this application:

- **Landscape Design Report** provided by LUC Landscape Architects
- **Tree Constraints Plan** provided by Tom Brandford Arborist Services
- **Engineering Planning Report** provided by PUNCH Consulting Engineers
- **Stage 1&2 Road Safety Audit** provided by PMCE Consulting Engineers
- **Quality Audit** provided by PMCE Consulting Engineers
- **Site Specific Flood Risk Assessment** provided by PUNCH
- **Public Lighting Report** provided by Don O'Malley & Partners Consulting Engineers
- **Electrical Services Planning Report** provided by Don O'Malley & Partners Consulting Engineers

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- > **Planning Report** provided by MKO Planning and Environmental Consultants
- > **Public Consultation Report** provided by MKO Planning and Environmental Consultants
- > **Construction and Environmental Management Plan** provided by MKO Planning and Environmental Consultants
- > **Ecological Impact Assessment** provided by MKO Planning and Environmental Consultants
- > **Natura Impact Statement with Appropriate Assessment Screening Report** provided by MKO Planning and Environmental Consultants
- > **Architectural Heritage Impact Assessment** provided by ACP Conservation Architects
- > **Archaeological Impact Assessment** provided by TOBAR Archaeological Services

Planning Fee:

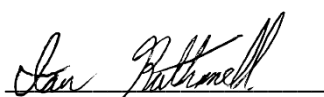
Under Section 177AE of the Planning and Development Act of 2000 (as amended), there are no fees to submit for a Local Authority to submit an application to An Bord Pleanála under the same.

Applicant Details

Name of Applicant:	Galway City Council
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We trust that the documentation submitted fully satisfies the requirements of the Planning and Development Regulations, however, should you require any further details please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Ian Rathmell

Planner

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